THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (e) The information is beign collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Illegal business activities in residential areas

†1762. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hon'ble High Court have expressed its disapproval for restarting of business activities in residential areas;

(b) whether Government are aware that illegal business like car repairing and denting-painting work in residential areas of South Delhi is being carried out and thereby causing noise and air pollution; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the concrete measures taken to impose a total ban on such business?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has reported that the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in an order dated 14.5.2004 had observed that auto-repairing shops, car-repairing and denting-painting shops are running without licence and using public footpaths and public roads, thereby causing congestion for smooth flow of traffic and directed that show-cause notice be given to those shops which have not got licences to stop such usage forthwith failing which their licence be removed. Accordingly the MCD had sealed 16 shops during 2004.

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that in cases where misuse of residential flats/built up plots are detected, action is taken up under the terms and conditions of lease and also under provisions of Delhi Government Act, 1957 for violation of Master Plan.

Elevated Light Metro System for Kochi

1763. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Kerala submitted for clearance an Elevated Light Metro System in Kochi;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether necessary clearance has been accorded to the project; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (d) An elevated Light Metro System in Kochi is proposed to be implemented by the Government of Kerala, on a Public Private Partnership (PPP) basis. This is proposed as a 25.3 km line from Alwaye to Petta and is estimated to cost Rs. 1966 crores. The State Govt. has invited expressions of interest for the same. A private partner is yet to be selected by them. Necessary clearance can be considred only after formal proposal, indicating the quantum of viability gap support needed, is received from the State Government. They have also been advsied to adopt a technology neutral bidding process.

Regularisation of unauthorised posh colonies

1764. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to regularize unauthorised posh colonies in the capital;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government had decided to set up a Committee to study regularisation of posh unauthorized colonies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) Government has set up a Committee of Experts under the Chairmanship of Shri K.K. Mathur, retired Secretary to the government of India to look into various aspects pertaining to the unauthorised development in the form of 'Farm houses' as well as 'unauthorised colonies inhabited by affluent sections' of the society and to recommend whether it is feasible and/or desirable to regularise such unauthorised development, and if so to recommend the broad principles governing the terms and conditions and guidelines for regularisation of such areas.